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VACAVILLE , CALIFORNIA **November 2015**

Presidents Message

Christmas Party Confirmation

Where and why?
The VVRC Christmas Party is on.
Here are the details:
Thursday, 10 December at 6:30pm.

Price for adults is $12.19. Beverages are an extra $2.49.

As always, we will have the Christmas drawing for what's in the year's prize fund.

As far as us having a door prize again this year, we can try to decide that after tomorrow night's unscheduled BOD meeting.

PLEASE SUBMIT VIA EMAIL any nominations you may have for next years officials and BOD members.

1. The Hometown Dinner is in Fairfield as normal NOT Vacaville.

2. There is now no need for the unscheduled BOD meeting tomorrow night at the Hide-a-Way thus it is cancelled.

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We'll talk about the changing of the guard at the November meeting.

Have an awesome day. Thanks!

Frank, KJ6RWQ

Meeting Minutes
October, 2015, non-meeting of the VVRC

All efforts to convene the October, 2015, meeting of the VVRC were completely abandoned when 28 general members, 3 Appointed Positions, 2 BOD, and 3 Elected Officers did not attend.

Having neither a quorum of BOD, or any meaningful number of members in attendance, not one of the three very important, time sensitive, and previously announced agenda items was accomplished:

1. The members were *not* briefed on the important changes to the upcoming Merriment on Main public service event, and the VVRC coordinators were left with absolutely NO idea of the level of commitment that we can expect from the non-attending members.
2. The slate of officer nominations for 2016 was not filled, thus,there is no one to elect at the November meeting.

   After all was not said and not done, only two names were submitted for consideration:

   Marcus MacClean – KI6WDX, wishes to be President again, and

   Ruff Gunn – K6DME, wishes to be elected to the B.O.D.
3. Two viable restaurant suggestions were proposed for the December Christmas dinner,but since the non-attending members weren't present to intelligentlydiscuss the choices and options, no dinner decision was voted and approved.

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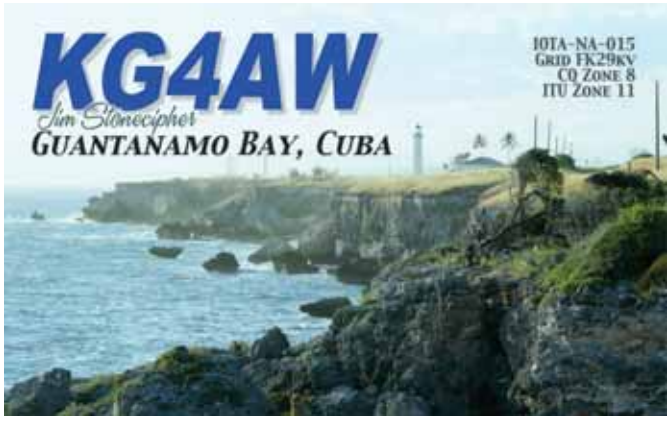
MEMBERS HAPPENINGS

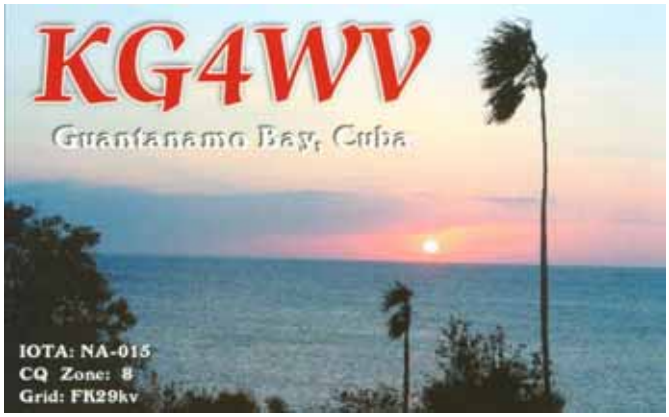
Got GITMO?

Date: Oct 22, 2015 12:48 PM

What fun!!I just worked my <u>second</u> GITMO station. Here are the both of them.I think it would have been *really* nice if I could have worked them during the W1AW centennial, but I won't complain – better late than never…

Skip; AF6HC





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So, with nothing left to not do that evening, the small gathering of seven put away the tables and chairs and went home.

Respectfully submitted,
Skip - AF6HC
Recording Secretary

VACA VALLEY RADIO CLUB--2015
ELECTED OFFICERS
President: Frank Garay, KJ6RWQ
Vice President: Kim, KI6JNX
Secretary: Skip Lawson, AF6HC
Treasurer: Bob Hewitt, K6HEW

BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Director: Antonio DelRio, N6ZGB
Director: Chris Jones, KD7TQO
Director: Arthur Miller, KI6UXE
Director: Richard Craig, KJ6MIB

APPOINTED POSITIONS
Net Control Chairperson: Chris Jones, KD7TQO
Club Activities Chairperson: Board of Directors
Newsletter Editor: Jerry Bowen, KJ6SCC
Newsletter Publisher & Distributor: Bob Hewitt, K6HEW

The CQ California Contest at the Yolo County Fruit Orchard

The California QSO contest goals were to work all counties in the state of California.

Jerry-left, KD6WKY set up his portable station in Yolo County because there were few licensed hams in that area. This was his second year to do so.

When he and Skip, AF6HC, arrived at the selected Yolo County site in an orchard west of Winters, they were greeted by a massive cloud of dust. The harvest of walnuts was underway at the site. After a short wait the work was done and a friendly breeze blew away the annoying grime.

The Vertical

A shelter was soon setup and the equipment placed on tables. A vertical antenna was

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Jerry-left,KD5WKY-Skip-
AF6HC& George-KK4XU

The Station

Jerry-left, KD6WKY
logging contacts

THE VVRC WELCOMES YOU

The Vaca Valley Radio Club has proudly served the Northern Solano County Area since 1988. We pride ourselves in providing a friendly place for radio amateurs to meet and improve their operating skills.

We participate in public service events throughout the year and are always ready to assist with communications during times of emergency.

Browsw our website for more information about our club. If you have any questions please e-mail us at w6vvr@w6vvr.net or call 707-448-5665 for assistance

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Wheelchair accessible

raised among the orchard trees, power to a generator attached and they were gathering and logging contacts. Jerry-right, KJ6SCC and George, KK4XU, showed up to assist and learn from the old masters. By all appearances, it was going to be a great weekend.

Well…not all things were to be so accommodating. The hearty campers were finished for the day and they began to prepare for a well-earned rest. Jerry-right and George headed to their QTHs.

A bit of a storm began to crowd into the area as all dreamed away the night.

Unnoticed earlier, extraordinarily dark skies moved in and a torrent of rain hit the area. Hammering winds began raging and threatened to blow equipment and the camp into Solano County.

It was a rude awakening as the Jerry-left & Skip somehow managed to cover the equipment, anchor the shelter and install sides to it. Major lightening flashes from cloud to cloud waged a noisy and terrifying battle directly above them.

With the camp somewhat secured, the embattled men drenched by the deluge managed to drag themselves to their vehicles where they slept fitfully the remainder of the night.

With the arrival of a welcome sun in the morning they put everything back into order and began gathering more contacts. Jerry-right and George arrived from their homes where they spent an uneventful night just as Jerry-left was preparing breakfast.

Skip managed to get in a little well earned snooze after the overnight exertions while Jerry-left continued adding contacts to the log.

During the day, Jerry-left decided to change bands. The change required the use of a beam antenna. Several

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Visit the Repeater online courtesy of Bob K6HEW at: vacavalleyradio.net

Club repeater in Vacaville:W6VVR 145.470 MHz(-) pl 127.3
The W6VVR net call is Tuesday evenings at 8pm on the club repeater. All are invited to participate in this weekly meeting on the air. 73!

Additional local repeaters
WV6F 224.200(-)
WV6F 440.025(+)
WV6F 1291.900(-)

Jerry-left, KD6WKY & Skip, AF6HC
Preparing Breakfast

Skip, AF6HC grabs 40 winks

Skip, AF6HC, Jerry-left, KD6WKY
& George, KK4XU Moving the

tries at raising the beam were frustrated by interference from the tree branches.

So, it was decided to place the beam in an open area across the road from the camp. Since the beam was already assembled the indomitable band of determined amateurs carefully maneuvered the beam between the trees and finally managed to raise it undamaged in the clearing.

Skip, AF6HC, Jerry-left, KD6WKY
& George, KK4XU Almost done

The rest of the weekend was calm and bore many new contacts. At long last, the end of the day came and camp was disassembled and packed away to the strict Jerry-1 quality standards in their trusty vehicles. All in all, for me, I learned a lot about contesting thanks to Jerry-left and Skip. I felt the whole experience was worthwhile. Just wished I hadn't missed the overnight fireworks. Next time I'll bring my camping gear.

Who says a contest has to be boring!

Jerry-right, KJ6SCC

An explanation is necessary here about the monikers, "Jerry-left" and "Jerry-right."

While we were vebally communicating with each other, with two Jerrys it sometimes became confusing which "Jerry" was being spoken to. Hence, for the day we started using Jerry left & right to avoid confusion.

Jerry KD6WKY is left-handed & Jerry, KJ6SCC is right handed

The Vaca Valley Radio Club needs your help with this annual family celebration and tree lighting event in Downtown Vacaville. Start the Holiday Season with joy and community while providing a valuable community service.

Merriment on Main

Tuesday, December 1

5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Meet at the Consolidated Headquarters,
This is a new location from years past!
Vacaville Chamber of Commerce,
300 Main Street, Parker and Main.

Operating Frequency will be 147.510 MHz - Simplex

Please R.S.V.P. by November 24 to
Jerry Olive KD6WKY at KD6WKY@arrl.net,
W6VVR Tuesday Night Net, or call/text 707-761-9356.

Put it on your calendar now so you don't forget! We look forward to seeing you. Thank you!

2015

VACA VALLEY RADIO CLUB

HOLIDAY PARTY AND DINNER

ALL LOCAL RADIO AMATEURS ARE INVITED

Bring a friend

THURSDAY DECEMBER 10, 2015 6:30 PM

HOME TOWN BUFFET

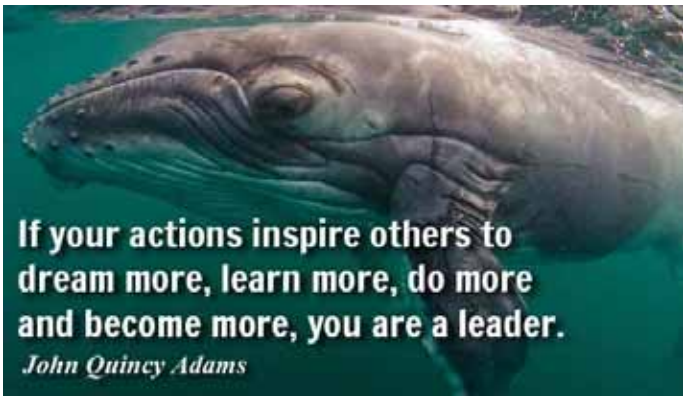
IN FAIRFIELD

Special price, includes tax and tip
Please tell the hostess you're with the radio club.
ADULTS $12.19
BEVERAGE $2.49

HOME TOWN BUFFET IS LOCATED AT 1315 GATEWAY BLVD. NEAR WESTFIELD MALL. IT IS NEAR BABIES 'R' US, AND MICHAEL'S ARTS AND CRAFTS.

SPONSORED BY THE VACA VALLEY RADIO CLUB
FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL TOM AT 707-448-1295 OR EMAIL W6VVR@W6VVR.NET

Don't forget the important VacaValley Radio Club meeting Thursday, November 12 at the Elmira Fire Station.
7pm Board of Directors- 7:30pm Members
It's time elect the club officers



NET CONTROL OPERATORS

1st week of month-Jerry Bowen; KJ6SCC
2nd week of month-Richard Craig; KJ6MIB
3rd week of month-Chris Jones; KD7TQO
4th week of month-Marcus MacLean; KI6WDX
On months with 5 weeks-Bob Hewitt; K6HEW

Emergency Power?!??

From the North Bay Amateur Radio Association

The Contra Costa Communications Club, CCCC now has its 220 repeater back on the air and you are invited to use it too. Thanks to our tech crew (Roger, Alan and Doug from the Marin club for their work) , the WA6KQB 220 repeater is up and running at 224.300 – offset 82.5 PL .

There is no beep tone so when you unkey you need to count a couple of seconds before you rekey if you don't hear the squelch tail drop so you don't timeout the repeater. Later we will be interfacing it to the controller for voice ID and a courtesy tone of it's own.

AB4AL- **Bob**

CONSTITUTION of the VACA VALLEY RADIO CLUB Incorporated

Adopted: January 1988: Amended: 1988, 1989,1991,1992,1993, 2008, 2015: April 15, 2015 Page 1 of 5

PREAMBLE

We, the undersigned, wishing to secure for ourselves and our communities, the rights and benefits of an association of persons commonly interested in Amateur Radio, constitute ourselves the Vaca Valley Radio Club and enact this constitution as our governing law and guide. It shall be our purpose to further the education and cooperation of all members, to promote fraternalism and operator proficiency, educate the public and encourage the development of new amateurs and members, assist in emergencies and with public welfare and safety, promote Amateur Radio thr ough public service participation, conduct meetings to promote radio knowledge and greater cooperation between members, act to resolve radio interference problems and coordinate use of the radio frequencies allocated by the Federal government in the best interest of all amateurs residing with the stated jurisdiction of the club, and to so conduct club programs and activities as to

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PLEASE RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP

VACAVALLEY RADIO CLUB, INC.

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION / RENEWAL FORM

Please Print & Fill in Completely Dues are delinquent January 1st

Name: _____ Call Sign_____

Street:
_____

City: _____Zip:
_____

Phone: (_____) _____-_____OK to Publish ?(_____)

License Class: _____ ARRL Member ?(_____)

E-Mail
Address_____

FAMILY Member (Spouse or Children)

Name: _____ Call Sign_____
License Class: _____ARRL Member ?(_____)

Name: _____ Call Sign_____
License Class: _____ARRL Member ?(_____)

MEMBER Dues	$20.00	_____
Each Family Member	$ 2.00	_____
Student	$ 5.00	_____
Repeater/Autopatch donation		_____
Call/Name badge	$11.00	_____
Optional ARRL membership		
ARRL dues	$37.00	
Total		_____

Paid by CASH: Check # _____

DATE: _____

Mail to : Vaca Valley Radio Club, PO Box 143, Elmira, CA 95625-0143

advance the general interest and welfare of Amateur Radio in the communities.

ARTICLE 1: MEMBERSHIP

Section 1.

All persons Interested in Amateur Radio communications shall be eligible for membership. Membership shall be by application and acceptance upon such terms as the club shall provide in its By-Laws.

Section 2.

Members may be removed by a two-thirds vote of the voting membership using secret ballot. The vote must be taken at a general business meeting following a general business meeting at which the action and vote are proposed.

Section 3.

Full membership entitles the member to attend all club activities, receive the newsletter, vote in elections, hold club office, propose a vote from the floor, and seek club participation in proposed projects and activities.

Section 4.

Associate or student membership entitles the member to attend all club activities, receive the newsletter, speak during meetings, propose a vote from the floor and avail themselves of educational opportunities sponsored by the club.

ARTICLE 2: OFFICERS

Section 1.

The officers of this club shall be: President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and four Directors.

Section 2.

The officers of this club shall constitute the board of directors.

Section 3.

The officers of this club shall be elected for a term of one year by secret ballot of the members present at the stated annual meeting during November, with the exception of the treasurer whose term shall be two calendar years.

Section 4.

Vacancies occurring between elections must be filled by presidential appointment with approval by five members of the board of directors. The appointee will then serve for the remaining term of office.

Section 5.

Officers may be removed by a three-fourths vote of the membership attending a general business meeting following at the next general business meeting at which the vote is proposed.

Section 6.

The president ex-offico shall endeavor to be an advisor to the board of directors.

ARTICLE 3: DUTIES OF OFFICERS

Section 1.

The president shall preside at all board meetings and club meetings. The president shall enforce due observance of this constitution and by-laws; decide all questions of order; sign all official documents adopted by the club, and perform all other duties pertaining to the office of president.

Section 2.

The vice-president shall in the absence of the president preside at all board meetings and club meetings. The vice-president shall supervise and be responsible for weekly radio nets for the dissemination of information of common interest to members. The vice-president shall be responsible for scheduling of club activities and meeting programs.

Section 3.

The secretary shall keep a record of the proceedings of board of director 's meetings and club meetings, compile records of all duly constituted committees and conduct all written correspondence and forms submitted directly by committees. The secretary shall turn over all items pertaining to their office and belonging tothe club to the duly elected successor at the expiration of the term of office.

Section 4.

The treasurer shall receive and receipt for all moneys paid to the club; keep an accurate account of all moneys received and expended; pay bills when properly authorized; and submit all necessary forms to Federal and State agencies. The treasurer shall maintain a current list of all members in good standing and present membership applications. The treasurer shall submit bills for payment to those owing money to the club. The treasurer shall turn over all items pertaining to their office and belonging to the club to the duly elected successor at the expiration of the term of office. The term of office shall be two calendar years.

Section 5.

The four directors will attend the board of direct ors meetings. The four directors are responsible for voting in the best interest of the club and Amateur Radio. The directors are expected to solicit opinions and ideas from the general membership and represent them at the board of directors meetings.

ARTICLE 4: RULES OF GOVERNMENT

Section 1.

General business and board meetings shall be conducted according to Robert's Rules of Order unless otherwise superseded by the club by-laws.

Section 2.

Club officers and four full members constituting the board of directors will be elected by secret ballot and require fifty-one percent of the voting membership for election. Nominations will be by a committee of five full members selected by the president with provision for nominations from the floor prior to balloting. Nominations will be proposed at the October and November general business meetings with voting at the November General business meeting.

The new officers will be installed at the December General Social Meeting/Christmas Party.

Section 3.

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Only full members in good standing can vote or hold elective

office.

Section 4.

There will be three types of membership: Full, Associate, and Student, Full membership requires a current amateur radio license. Associate and student memberships are provided for non-licensed persons.

Section 5.

Regularly scheduled general business meetings will be held on the second ~~Wednesday~~ (Thursday) of each month and will begin at 7:00 P.M., unless the board of directors deems it necessary to change, at which time the membership shall be informed by newsletter, phone call, or radio contact.

Section 6.

General meetings are to be of two types: Business and Social.
The business meetings will be for the conduction of business.
Social meetings are for membership education and the furtherance of the clubs' fraternal relationship.

Section 7.

General business meetings are required for election of officers, changing the articles or bylaws, changing the dues of assessment of members, removal of officers or members, and conditions affecting the continual functioning of the club as specified in the articles and bylaws.

Section 8.

A general business meeting may be called by the president after notification of the general membership fifteen days in advance. The general membership may request a business meeting by a majority vote of the full membership present at a properly scheduled social meeting. The board of directors may request the scheduling of a general business meeting by a vote of the majority of its members. Circumstances for an emergency meeting require a two-thirds vote of the board of
directors and notification of the full membership by phone or radio net.
There will be general business meetings in October, November and January of each calendar year.

Section 9.

A general social meeting will be held on the stated meeting date whenever a general business meeting is not scheduled. The order and nature of business will be determined by the president.
Social meetings should be held, when possible, and with sufficient notification, at locations and times other than the stated meetings to encourage greater overall participation.

Section 10.

The president may take emergency action on activities, events, and expenditures, providing that the actions are reported to the board of directors as soon as possible. The president must hen request a vote to determine if the actions will be endorsed and supported by the board.

Section 11.

The president may call a general business meeting during a regularly scheduled general social meeting for the purpose of transaction of urgent or emergency business. This requires the approval of a majority of the members of the board of directors in ttendance.

Section 12.

The board of directors is required to meet at least once in each of eight calendar months. The date and times are to be selected by the president and approved by the board of directors.

Section 13.

The board of directors requires four members to be present to constitute a quorum and conduct business.

Section 14.

The president may be counted for constituting a quorum, but can vote only to break a tie.

Section 15.

The board of directors has the authority to approve all expenditures, events, activities, and incidental matters pertaining to the club.

Section 16.

Any person may attend a board of directors meeting.

BY-LAWS

Section 1.

Full and associate membership dues will be $25.00 per year. Dues are valid for 12 months through the end of the month in which they were originally paid. Family members at the same
residence may become Full or Associate members by paying $2.00 per person per year Student membership will be $5.00. Student members will receive the club newsletter for only 3 months. If after 3 months, they wish to become full members, they shall pay an additional $10.00 membership fee.
Membership dues include a subscription to the club's newsletter. Family memberships are allowed only one newsletter per household.

Section 2.

The club shall maintain legal corporate status.

Section 3.

The club shall maintain, advance, and support communications equipment and projects common to Amateur Radio and club interest.

Section 4.

The club shall recognize that there are many aspects of Amateur Radio and it endorses individual participation. The club shall provide for activities and events to educate and advance members' proficiency and to further the best interest of the community and Amateur Radio in general.